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Hi,

We are looking forward to welcoming fellow philatelists coming from all over India to participate in UTSAV 2016, 8th Delhi State Level Philatelic Exhibition on February 15, 16 and 17, 2016.

Until next week, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

- M&SJ

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Stamp Popularity Poll 2015 Results

The results are in for the Stamps of India Stamp Poll 2015 and the following have been voted as:

The Best Stamp of 2015: APJ Abdul Kalam #2529;

The Best Miniature Sheet of 2015: Yoga #132; (beat Swachh Bharat #130 by 1 vote)

The Best Sheetlet of 2015: Very few people voted for this and then Gujarat #133 and Godavari #134 got equal votes!

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Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Mar 8: Joint Issue with United Nations Postal Administration on International Women's Day

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 5 each, are put on sale at over 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

The issues are scheduled and rescheduled for release at very short notice of couple of days only at times! Thus it is virtually impossible to inform our readers thru this weekly publication about forthcoming stamp issues of India. We however do our best to publish this information on the home page of www.stampsofindia.com as soon as it becomes available to us.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2016stamps.html>

If you've found this digital newsweekly useful, recommend it to a friend. Better still, forward a copy of this issue. Also, please mention this newsletter when contacting other philatelists.

New Stamps Released

INTERNATIONAL FLEET REVIEW

Pranab Mukherjee, President of India, released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5, on the International Fleet Review-2016 on February 6, 2016 at Visakhapatnam in presence of Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, Manohar Parrikar, Defence Minister and other dignitaries.

Nenu Gupta designed the stamps, the First Day Cover, and the First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 5 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 602,000 stamps each in the sheets of 45 stamps each.

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Report the philatelic activities in your area for publication here. We reimburse the costs and other agreed charges.

Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

- Jan 08, 2016: Nabagram - Sikipur, Kolia Amir Ali High School Centenary Celebration
- Jan 23, 2016: Uttarpara - Hooghly, Uttarpara Sangeet Chakra Diamond Jubilee Celebration
- Jan 30, 2016: Kolkata, Association of Architects Builders Interior Designers and Allied Business
- Feb 05, 2016: Indore, Dr B R Ambedkar University of Social Sciences Mhow, MAPPEX 2016 1/5
- Feb 05, 2016: Indore, Unique Handlloms of Madhya Pradesh, MAPPEX 2016 2/5
- Feb 06, 2016: Indore, Police Training College Indore, MAPPEX 2016 3/5
- Feb 06, 2016: Indore, National Insurance Company, MAPPEX 2016 4/5
- Feb 06, 2016: Chandigarh, Chandigarh Group of Colleges, PUNPEX 2016 1/12
- Feb 06, 2016: Chandigarh, PUNPEX 2016, PUNPEX 2016 2/12
- Feb 06, 2016: Chandigarh, DAV College Chandigarh, PUNPEX 2016 3/12
- Feb 06, 2016: Chandigarh, Harkara Carried Mail, PUNPEX 2016 4/12 Sold for Rs 100
- Feb 07, 2016: Indore, Simhasth Kumbh Mahaparv 2016 Ujjain, MAPPEX 2016 5/5 Sold for Rs 100
- Feb 07, 2016: Chandigarh, Butterflies of Chandigarh, PUNPEX 2016 5/12
- Feb 07, 2016: Chandigarh, Sukhna Wild Life Sanctuary, PUNPEX 2016 6/12
- Feb 07, 2016: Chandigarh, Migratory Birds Sukhna Lake, PUNPEX 2016 7/12
- Feb 08, 2016: Chandigarh, Dengue, PUNPEX 2016 8/12
- Feb 08, 2016: Chandigarh, Swine Flu, PUNPEX 2016 9/12
- Feb 08, 2016: Chandigarh, Malaria, PUNPEX 2016 10/12
- Feb 08, 2016: Kolkata, Anniversary of Route Followed by Gandhiji during return to India
- Feb 08, 2016: Kolkata, Anniversary of Arrival to India by Gandhiji
- Feb 08, 2016: Kolkata, Anniversary of Gandhiji Attending 2nd Round Table Conference in London
- Feb 08, 2016: Kolkata, Anniversary of Gandhiji's Last Meeting with Netaji

Above 4 special covers are affixed with printing on different materials - Artist's Canvas, Silk & varieties of Wood with ornamental decorative gold plated nickel frame. Only 1000 individually numbered covers issued of each.

Feb 08, 2016: Guntur, Guntur Chillies, Gunturpex 2016 1/2

Feb 08, 2016: Guntur, Undavalli caves, Gunturpex 2016 2/2

Feb 09, 2016: Chandigarh, Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports Patiala, PUNPEX 2016 11/12

Feb 09, 2016: Chandigarh, Thapar University Patiala, PUNPEX 2016 12/12

Special covers released at MAPPEX sold for Rs 10 and at PUNPEX sold for Rs 20 respectively unless stated otherwise

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New MyStamp Issue

India Post released a new My Stamp issue on Indian Navy and International Fleet Review on February 6, 2016 at Visakhapatnam. The Sheetlet of 12 stamps was sold for Rs 240.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Army Postal Service Issues](http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2016aps.html) <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2016aps.html>

New Presentation Pack

India Post released a Presentation Pack containing a block of four stamps, a First Day Cover, and a Brochure for International Fleet Review issue. The Pack priced at Rs 200 is available at the www.epostoffice.gov.in.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Presentation Packs](http://stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2016packs.html) <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2016packs.html>

New Stamp Booklets

Indore Region of Madhya Pradesh Circle of India Post released 6 Stamp Booklets on February 5, 2016 at Indore during MAPPEX 2016, 12th Madhya Pradesh State Level Philatelic Exhibition.

1. Sachin Tendulkar, Rs 60
2. Women Empowerment, Rs 50
3. India's Saviours, Rs 50
4. Dr B R Ambedkar, Rs 50
5. Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, Rs 50
6. Charkha, Rs 50

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Stamp Booklets](http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb01.html) <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb01.html>

India Post Introduces Personalised Postmarks

India Post has introduced personalised postmarks My Cancellation to be used in conjunction with My Stamp. My Cancellation facility will be available for a fee of Rs 1,500 on a minimum order of 100 sheetlets of My Stamp. The first such personalised postmark was used on February 5, 2016 at Chennai by well known stamp delayer V Ethiraj on mailing invitation cards for his son's wedding. The specially designed covers depict the bride and bridegroom on My Stamp with personalised postmark.

Wanted Writers for India Post's Philately Division

Philately Division, Department of Posts invites applications from individuals who are interested in writing on the subject matter of the stamp. The suitability of the applicants for the job will be judged based on their credentials and work experience such as published work, articles, write-up in Newspapers and Magazines, etc.

The Remunerations will be paid for Brochures writing (both in English and Hindi) as per the prescribed rates of the Department of Posts as given below: -

Commissioning fees Rs 1,700

Adoption Fees Rs 5,000

The format of the application is available at www.indiapost.gov.in . Complete application should reach by February 18, 2016 to the following address:

Director (Philately),
Department of Posts,
Room No. 332, Dak Bhawan,
Sansad Marg,
New Delhi – 110001

e-mail: directorphilately@indiapost.gov.in

Mahamaham Festival Prasadam

Mahamaham Festival is held once in twelve years and falls on February 22, this year. Tamilnadu Postal Circle has made a tie up with Tamilnadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Department for the booking and dispatch of Prasadams of Mahamagam across all India.

Devotees can book 'Mahamaham Festival Prasadam' at any Post office in India thro ePayment till February 29, 2016 and get the same thro Registered Parcel. The cost of the Prasadam is Rs 150 (inclusive of all charges) which contains holy water of Mahamagam tank and Prasadams of 17 temples situated in Kumbakonam. Kumbakonam Head Post Office will dispatch the prasadams from February 23, 2016 onwards duly packed in a carton box.

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NEW India 1929 Air Mail Stamps: A Study of Constant Varieties by Rohit Prasad

The 300 Pages, A4 all color, printed on art paper hard bound book is being produced in the limited edition of 500 copies only and shall be available on October 17, 2015. The book Distributed worldwide by Stamps of India Private Limited will be available at Rs 5,000 post-paid in India and USD 100 post-paid worldwide. Send your orders today to mj@stampsofindia.com

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A complete priced catalogue of mails of Indian Antarctic Expeditions
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Stanley Gibbons published the third edition of its India and Indian States Catalogue on Aug 20, 2009 at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian Rupees 2,300+. However there was a very special price of Rs 750 for India for this all color 240 page catalogue. We distributed it all over India.

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If you detect forgeries and frauds of Indian philatelic items, report to suspect@stampsofindia.com.
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Recent & Forthcoming Events

* Revised / Updated information

Feb 8-9, 2016: Guntur, Gunturpex 2016

Organizers: India Post in association with Guntur Numismatic and Philatelic Society

Venue: Balaji Kalyana Mandapam, Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Brundavan Gardens, Guntur

Feb 15-17, 2016: UTSAV 2016, 8th Delhi State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: National Science Centre, Near Pragati Maidan Gate No.1, Bhairon Marg, New Delhi

Prospectus available for download at www.stampsofindia.com

Feb 26-28, 2016: National Numismatic Exhibition

Venue: The Bell Hotel, Majestic, Next to Bangalore City Railway Station, Bangalore

Feb 28, 2015: Philatelic Congress of India Regional Meeting

Venue: Rotary Hall, Opposite St Xavier's College, Church Road, off M I Road, Jaipur

Timings: 10am to 1pm

Contact: Rajesh Paharia (M) +919351716969 | shreetotal@gmail.com

Dec 23-25, 2016: SIPA Diamond Jubilee Philatelic Exhibition

Venue: Shri Ramdayal Kalavathi Khemka Agarwal Sabha Bhavan, 22-C Bajanai Koil Street, Naduvankarai, Anna Nagar, Chennai 600040 (Near D G Vaishnav College)

Organizers: South India Philatelists Association, Chennai

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Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India www.stampsofindia.com/info base/clubmeet.htm

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